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Standard

Where do badgers live?

adgers live underground in a

Badgers live underground in a SETT; a network of tunnels and nesting chambers

Badgers spend about 70% of their lives underground

1 to 30 or more D-shaped entrances sets are mostly found on slopes in woodland or hedgerows. A large spoil heap often shows their location

A badger clan may have multiple SETTS in their large TERRITORY. Only one will be their MAIN SETT which is the family home inhabited all year

Badgers are prodigious diggers & Mills can extend their home readily. Sadly

the number of holes does not tell us how many badgers live in a sett



- The sett keeps badgers dry in the rain, warm in Winter and cool in Summer, with little temperature variation between night & day
- Badgers sleep separately in Summer and together in Winter for extra warmth
- They line nesting chambers with bedding shredded from vegetation. This keeps them off the cold earth floor
- Bedding ferments and releases heat,
 allowing badgers to use it as a natural
 radiator how cool is that

Keeping VENTILATED

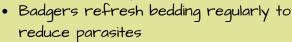
How do badgers ensure they have enough oxygen underground?

- Wind blows in through the multiple entrances
- The piston effect their own movement causes air to move in and out of the sett

Keeping CLEAN

Frunnels - 20 to 100 metres long!

 Badgers do not usually go to the loo inside the sett but might use a single chamber if they have to



 Green bedding may even have insecticidal properties. Wow!

Me.

Keeping TIDY

Spare bedding might be stored in an unused chamber; their very own laundry cupboard to keep tunnels clear

Keep OUT!

A latrine immediately outside the sett entrance is a message to others: Keep out!

Nonetheless, foxes and rabbits may move into a disused sett or even a disused part of an active sett

